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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,371,786 (Paul)

U.S. Patent No. 5,381,050 (Siclari *et al.*)

U.S. Patent No. 5,764,754 (Ortel *et al.*)

U.S. Patent No. 6,031,300 (Moran)

United Kingdom Publication No. GB 2 337 370 A (Application No. 9810453.2), published November 17, 1999

International PCT Publication No. WO 94/18722 A1 (Application No. PCT/GB94/00290), published August 18, 1994

International PCT Publication No. WO 97/44947 A1 (Application No. PCT/US97/07910), published November 27, 1997

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